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1. According to a Bulgarian Foreign Ministry Circular,¹ Bulgarian representatives assigned to certain unfriendly, western countries are required to obtain written permission from the Bulgarian Foreign Ministry before they can register official complaint or protest (on any matter) to any of the local authorities of the country to which they are assigned. Included in the interpretation of "official complaint or protest" is the oral presentation of facts and information to the local authorities.
2. Certain Bulgarian representatives are strongly opposed to this Circular and their particular complaints are:
 - a. The Bulgarian Foreign Ministry does not reply to requests for permission promptly. As a result, Bulgarian representatives have difficulty in appeasing their compatriots² who come to them for assistance on matters involving the local authorities.
 - b. The Circular is too strict and it should not prohibit Bulgarian representatives from presenting to the local authorities the necessary facts or information in a case which these Bulgarian representatives do not interpret as an official complaint or protest.

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2. Comment: Bulgarian citizens living in a foreign country.

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